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1. IVORIAN DELEGATION TO IWY CONFERENCE, MEXICO CITY,(REFTEL B),
WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY GOIC'S NUMBER TWO DELEGATE TO UN, NEW YORK,
AND MADAME VANIE-BI-TRA, WIFE OF MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS. MINISTER WILL HEAD DELEGATION.

2. AT LUNCHEON JUNE 13 FOR MME. JEANNE GERVAIS AND
MME. JEANNE CHAPMAN, GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SMITH, THE
IVORIAN LADIES EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR KEEPING IWY CON-
FERENCE FOCUSED ON ITS REGULAR AGENDA AND NOT BEING DISTRACTED
BY EXTRANEOUS ISSUES OF "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER",
TOTAL DISARMAMENT, ETC. THEY SAID IT WAS PLANNED THAT WORK
OF CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE PLACE PRIMARILY IN THREE COMMISSIONS.
THEY AGREED THAT IF ANY UNRELATED ISSUES WERE RAISED AND
FORCED TO A VOTE, THEY WOULD ABSTAIN. THEY ADDED THAT MINISTER
MIGHT HAVE TO DEAL WITH SUCH ISSUES IN PLENARY SESSIONS, BUT
THEN HE WOULD BE REFLECTING ON OFFICIAL GOIC POINT OF VIEW.

3. MINISTER RETURNS TO ABIDJAN TONIGHT FROM GENEVA(ILO
CONFERENCE) AND DEPARTS WITH REST OF DELEGATION MONDAY NIGHT,
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SO THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVERSATION WITH HIM

"IN COURSE OF OTHER BUSINESS" ON THIS SUBJECT. HE IS,HOWEVER,
VERY APPROACHABLE, AS ARE MME. GERVAIS AND MME. CHAPMAN, IN
CASE DELEGATION WISHES TO WORK WITH IVORIANS ON ANY ISSUES.
ALL THREE ARE EXTREMELY "MODERN" ON ISSUES CONCERNING WOMEN,
INCLUDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, FAMILY PLANNING WELFARE.
MME. CHAPMAN HAS SERVED ON UNGA SOCIAL COMMITTEE REGULARLY
FROM 1967 THROUGH 1973, SO IS WELL AWARE OF PROBLEMS OF POLITI-
CIZATION OF SOCIAL TOPICS.
SMITH

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